

We do not have to tell people or remind them about how this economy is suffering: almost 2 million jobs lost in the last several years and still not anywhere near back to where we were in January of 2001.

We know what a generator of jobs, what a booster of the economy small businesses can be, and we also know how important the Small Business Administration is in providing capital for these businesses. So if we could do the bill that is before us today but also bring forward the Small Business Administration reauthorization, we could deal with that issue of capital.

At a time when the economy is suffering as much as it is, many businesses are starting to fail. They need that capital so that they can retool. Some need it to grow. And we need some new businesses to fill in where others have left. That cannot happen without this bill coming forward.

The so-called 7(a) loans are by far the most critical capital vehicles that we have for small businesses: \$11 billion in loans to small businesses every year. That aspect has to be assured to businesses. If we do nothing by the end of this month, fees for that will double, freezing out many businesses from the opportunity to get access to this money so that they can expand or they can start up.

Time after time, we hear on the floor and we hear in people's individual districts how much they feel for small business and how certain they are that small businesses add to the benefit of our country.

Mr. Speaker, we need to put our money where our mouth is. We need this measure to be brought forward. I support today's bill because it does a good thing, particularly with respect to the women's business centers across the country, but realize that we have to do more and move the Small Business Administration reauthorization forward.

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, there is no disagreement that we should pass this extension. It is, though, embarrassing that it has come to this. We expect small businesses to meet their taxes, comply with Federal regulations and pay their employees on time. But when it comes to Congress, we are not held accountable for our failure to meet their needs.

At a time when our economy is struggling, at a time when small businesses are struggling, Congress should be holding up its end of the deal. Passing the Small Business Administration Reauthorization Act must be a priority.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would like to thank the gentlewoman from New York (Ms.

VELÁZQUEZ) for not only her advocacy for this bill before us today, but for her advocacy for small business. She is one of the staunchest cheerleaders for small businesses across this Nation, and I appreciate her service and her ability to get things done.

I thank our chairman, the gentleman from Illinois (Chairman MANZULLO), who is not with us today, to thank him also for his small business advocacy. It is good to know that we have a bipartisan opinion on this bill. I look forward to its passage, and I look forward to all of us working together to see that small business not only grows but thrives under this bill and also under further legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FLAKE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5008.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 363, by the yeas and nays;

House Resolution 667, by the yeas and nays; and

House Resolution 760, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second and third vote in this series will be 5-minute votes.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 363, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 363, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 342, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 90, as follows:

[Roll No. 441]

YEAS—342

Abercrombie	Costello	Granger
Aderholt	Cox	Graves
Akin	Cramer	Green (TX)
Alexander	Crane	Green (WI)
Allen	Crenshaw	Greenwood
Andrews	Cubin	Gutknecht
Baca	Culberson	Hall
Bachus	Cummings	Harman
Baird	Cunningham	Harris
Baldwin	Davis (AL)	Hart
Barrett (SC)	Davis (CA)	Hastings (WA)
Bartlett (MD)	Davis (FL)	Hayes
Barton (TX)	Davis (IL)	Hayworth
Bass	Davis (TN)	Hefley
Becerra	Davis, Jo Ann	Hensarling
Bell	Davis, Tom	Herseth
Berkley	Deal (GA)	Hill
Berman	DeFazio	Hinojosa
Berry	DeGette	Hobson
Billirakis	Delahunt	Holden
Bishop (GA)	DeLauro	Holt
Bishop (NY)	DeLay	Honda
Blackburn	Deutsch	Hooley (OR)
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hostettler
Blunt	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hoyer
Boehner	Dicks	Hulshof
Bonilla	Dingell	Hunter
Bonner	Doggett	Hyde
Bono	Dooley (CA)	Israel
Boswell	Doolittle	Issa
Boucher	Doyle	Istook
Boyd	Dreier	Jackson (IL)
Bradley (NH)	Duncan	Jackson-Lee
Brady (PA)	Dunn	(TX)
Brady (TX)	Edwards	Jefferson
Brown (SC)	Ehlers	Jenkins
Brown, Corrine	Emanuel	John
Brown-Waite,	Eshoo	Johnson (CT)
Ginny	Etheridge	Johnson (IL)
Burgess	Farr	Johnson, Sam
Burns	Fattah	Jones (NC)
Burton (IN)	Feeney	Jones (OH)
Butterfield	Ferguson	Kanjorski
Buyer	Filner	Keller
Calvert	Flake	Kelly
Camp	Foley	Kennedy (MN)
Cantor	Forbes	Kildee
Capito	Ford	Kilpatrick
Capps	Fossella	Kind
Cardin	Frank (MA)	King (IA)
Cardoza	Franks (AZ)	King (NY)
Carson (IN)	Frelinghuysen	Kingston
Case	Galleghy	Kirk
Castle	Garrett (NJ)	Kline
Chabot	Gibbons	Knollenberg
Chandler	Gilchrest	Kolbe
Chocoma	Gillmor	LaHood
Clyburn	Gingrey	Lampson
Coble	Gonzalez	Lantos
Cole	Goode	Larsen (WA)
Collins	Goodlatte	Larson (CT)
Cooper	Gordon	Latham